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For: **High Homogeneity Silica Glass Prepared
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Sir:

The following documents are being forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. Application Data Sheet (4 pages);
2. A copy of PCT/EP2004/002577 as filed on March 12, 2004, and naming as inventor(s):

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the application comprising:

3 pages of Specification (numbered as pages 1-3),
1 page of Claims (numbered as page 4), and
a one-page Abstract (numbered as page 5);

3. Preliminary Amendment (4 pages);
4. A copy of the PCT Request with a copy of Declaration executed by the inventors attached (7 pages);
5. A copy of the PCT application, as published, including the International Search Report (8 pages);
6. A copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority (5 pages);
7. General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) (1 page);
8. General Authorization to Charge Deposit Account (1 page);
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10. A copy of PCT/IB/306, Notification of the Recording of a Change, indicating a change in the name of the Applicant (1 page);
11. A copy of PCT/IB/308 First and Second and Supplemental Notice Informing the Applicant of the Communication of the International Application to the Designated Offices (2 pages);
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This application represents U.S. national stage of international application PCT/EP2004/002577 which had an international filing date of March 12, 2004. The international application claims priority to Italian application NO 2003 A 000005, filed on March 21, 2003. The present application claims priority to these previously filed counterparts and incorporates them by reference.

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